

## Commercial Advertiser

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## LYNCHING AND LAW.

Lynching, with the adjuncts of fire and mutilation, is becoming almost as common in the North as in the South. The affairs at Versailles, Ind., and Urbana, O., a few years ago, have been copied since in several northern towns with signs of growing ferocity and barbarism on the part of the mob. It is getting so that the crime of rape is not the only one visited by torture; for at Danville, Ill., the other day a negro who had fired on a lawless mob which was on its way to lynch a man of his race, was lynched, mutilated and burned because his shot went home.

It cannot be said that the average American mob is made up of the worst and most ignorant classes—far from it. Mobs in the South are usually credited with a quorum of "respectable citizens;" and those in the North are made up from the men you see passing in the streets—men who were educated in the schools and trained in moral families. We saw some of them in Honolulu one time when the cry went around to get a rope for Moreno. What is it that turns such people into wild beasts when they get a chance to lay hands on a man who has violated, in some heinous way, the safeguards of society? Why is it that they no longer leave culprits to the law? Is it not because the law has been so emasculated that it is easier for a criminal to escape adequate punishment than it is to visit him with it? The truth is that our whole system of criminal jurisprudence is constructed on the theory that it is the duty of society to make it as difficult as possible to convict criminals. Finding that so many murderers and rape-finders escape on technicalities the people are taking the law into their own hands. How far they are doing it may be seen from the following tabulated statements of lynchings between 1885 and 1901:

1885	184
1886	138
1887	122
1888	142
1889	176
1890	127
1891	192
1892	235
1893	206
1894	190
1895	172
1896	131
1897	166
1898	127
1899	107
1900	115
1901	135

We cannot hope for lynching to stop until the law is made to convict the guilty; until, as in England, the right of appeal in criminal cases is denied, jury-fixing is stopped and judge-made law, with its tricks of technicality, is abolished.

## CASTOR BEAN POSSIBILITIES.

A castor bean oil-maker on this island is authority for the statement that \$192 spent for labor on a ten acre tract of land will produce \$900 worth of beans. That is to say, a Jap at \$16 per month can do all the labor required in planting the seed and harvesting the crop. The product sells for cash, through Hackfeld & Co., at \$60 a ton.

Such a business as that would make an Eastern small farmer stare. We have known many a one who regarded \$1000 and a fair living, as sufficient income from a 200-acre farm. Some farmers back East can't even make the living and finally abandon their homesteads altogether. Yet here is a shrub, which grows like lantana and yields like it, which supplies a more profitable crop to the tiller of the soil than almost any other known to agriculture—not excepting sugar in its best days.

It looks as if the castor bean had been neglected to the detriment of our prosperity. There are thousands of acres, now covered with lantana, which might be made to carry this oil-bearing plant; which might better be forced to yield castor berries at \$60 a ton than to maintain a jungle which costs \$30 per acre to clear away. Hawaii has great cattle ranges where it takes ten acres to support one head of stock; yet these same ten acres, if put into castor beans, might easily yield the value of ten or eleven good cows.

Between castor beans, eisal, vanilla, bananas, pineapples and tobacco, who says that the Hawaiian small farmer has no chance?

It is pleasant to note the solicitude of the Austro-Hungarian government for the private soldier. It appears that a regiment was taken out during a hot day recently and put through so severe an ordeal that four hundred and fifty of the men were sunstruck, twenty of whom quickly died. Outraged by this criminal misuse of power, the Government summoned the officers of the regiment before it and censured them. Although the punishment seems unnecessarily severe, the effect on the discipline of the army and the morale of the men may be deemed excellent.

The creation of the Fire Claims Commission and the work it has accom-

plished pass into history as a grand combination of public beneficence. It was a great public calamity, though with considerable of incidental blessing, the fire blast that swept through Chinatown on January 20, 1900. There was no legal recourse for damages against the body politic represented by the Government, but the people at large through their representatives in the Legislature resolved to sustain the burden of loss. Then the Congress of the United States, following the divine example of helping those who help themselves, generously provided about two-thirds of the means required for the relief of the immediate sufferers. Hawaii, with all its shortcomings, can do things or have them done when its people act unitedly.

The Russians seem intent on massing in Manchuria as large an army as Japan could possibly bring against them. For a year troops have been pouring into the cities of the Liaotung peninsula and into Vladivostok, and an Army corps has been stationed within striking distance of Korea. Late in the year 1907, 120,000 men were gathered at Odessa for Far Eastern service. As a part of the general program the fleet has been strengthened until it numbers nearly sixty vessels and more torpedo boats are enroute. Every day makes the task of Japan more difficult providing war is actually to come.

Kalaauokalani won't be run by Theresa and so will be set aside as President of the Home Rule party. The aged leader is not a woman's rights man, which is unfortunate in a party where women have so much to say. As another terrible example of the foolhardy person who tries to head off Theresa while she is under full head of steam and running on the main track, Kalaauokalani promises, by today or tomorrow, to be set down as case three in the political morgue. Emmeluth and Russelowski are on the other slabs.

One of these days George Davis will make the mistake of playing the pistol pocket bluff on some man who takes him seriously.

Today things will be doing in the Supreme Court.

## SPANISH MONKEY

Committed Suicide When He Heard an Old Castilian Love Song.

Warship surgeons worked for hours last night trying to resuscitate one Jocko, monkey and mascot of the monitor Florida, who for the second time in one week tried to commit suicide in spectacular fashion.

Jocko is known along the coast from Pensacola to Portsmouth. He has a distinguished career in the navy, and has entertained and been entertained by Admiral Dewey and Rear Admiral Schley.

Born a Spaniard, he became an American when his ship, the torpedo boat Isla de Luzon, was captured during the Spanish-American War. On that occasion, officers state, Jocko sat on the port rail of the captured ship, and as the flag was hauled down he climbed the staff and tried to throw down the American sailors. So well pleased were the victors with the monkey's pluck that they took him as a pet to their own ship.

Recently Jocko has been ailing. Two Spaniards who are touring the country visited the navy yard on Wednesday last. Jocko was introduced to them as a matter of course. The visitors talked in pure Castilian to the mascot, and he seemed to become homesick at the sound of the old familiar phrases.

Officers say the monkey went aft after the visitors left and actually wept, a most extraordinary thing for a monkey to do. He was found in the evening lying below a bunk and moaning piteously. Investigation showed that he had drunk potash, evidently, it is alleged, with suicidal intent.

Surgeons revived the monkey, but he seemed the victim of melancholia. Yesterday the cook of the Florida, who understands Spanish pretty well, began to sing a Spanish love song entitled "La Senorita Bonita." The monkey listened for a while, and then walked aft to the rail. There he sat for two hours, with a far-away look in his face and his hands crossed.

Unobserved, he went below. A pall of lye was there. The monkey seized the pall, climbed to the main deck, and, turning toward the river, waved his hand to the outgoing craft and drank the poison. He was picked up by Landsman Evans unconscious. His condition at a late hour was critical.—New York Herald.

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5. Cut this out and paste it in your hat for future reference.

## SOME REMARKS IN PASSING

Honolulu, July 24th, 1908.

Editor Advertiser: I write this letter, chiefly to convey my opinion of you and your infernal old missionary paper. Wherever I use a mild expletive, you will understand that I mean something so insulting that you would not dare to publish it. Imagine the worst that could be said, without excluding profanity and vulgarity, and you will be somewhere near the mark. I restrain myself slightly, on this occasion, because you do not quite understand me, and for once I use policy in order to secure publication.

You have had the impudence to criticize two or three of the lawyers and one or two of the judges of Honolulu; and thus you have assailed me and you must bear the consequences. I am not only a lawyer, but the ablest Jurist and the greatest statesman in the United States. Modesty would restrain this public eulogy on myself, but, for several years, every one in Honolulu has known it to be true. If elsewhere, it is unknown, that is my business and not yours. I am still a young man, but, sir, the time will come, and it is not far off, when the world will ring with my fame.

Naturally you are chiefly occupied in contemplating my transcendent ability and influence, which a hundred such editors as you are and such newspapers as the Advertiser could not affect, and you may be surprised because, years ago, I determined to abide in this Territory, until I had reduced it to submission. Such a thought would evidence your own narrowness and imbecility. I came here for reasons peculiar to myself. I am too large for the mainland. I stand alone, though, in my double character of jurist and statesman, I control every man I meet. I need no following, but, whenever I choose, I can impress every native and every politician into my service. In five minutes I can hypnotize any merchant, banker, or capitalist in Honolulu. I can say what I please, do as I please, and live as I please, for, not only on this globe, but in the universe, I have no superior. For me public opinion has no existence. If it conflicts with my purposes, down it goes. I am far above the Constitution, the laws, and all social and professional usages and habits, and I intend to prove these facts, quickly and effectually, in a small arena, where my power can be manifested without check or hindrance. Someday I may hang you. If you are not of sufficient importance for capital punishment, I will invite you to my office, and you could not decline. There I will lacerate you with my tongue, until you will think St. James an ass, and will depart, a skinned scribe, red bloody and sore, and glad, as a relief, to expose your uncultured body to the cauterization of the sun, while you soliloquize:

"Why I was never so be-thump'd with words, Since I first called my brother's father, dad."

But for your mental stolidity, you would realize these things. There are some truths about me, however, past your finding out. I may furnish you a few glimpses, to which even your obtuseness may respond. There is a rule termed consistency, acknowledged by finite minds. I am above that—because I am myself. Eternity is one eternal now, of which I am the center, and for me there is no to-morrow. My will presides over individuals and communities, and is always supreme. It regulates every matter it touches, without regard to antecedents or consequences. Therefore, in my case, consistency is not a jewel but dross. I am bound by nothing. For me there is no record. In my professional life, I take any client I please, and do with him as I like. If charges were preferred against me, I would laugh at them and would sweep them into limbo. I would beard justice in its den, and would make the judges think that the Supreme Court of the United States is a police tribunal. At the roar of my voice, the stupendousness of my epithets, and the virulence of my castigation, they would shrivel in their robes.

Investigate me! Bah! I am the Governor, the Attorney-General, the Supreme Court, the Merchants' Association, the Board of Trade, and everything else, in the Hawaiian Islands, and I am the only Investigator. Again, Bah!

I hope you begin to comprehend. If you don't, I will settle your hash. I am a wild Apache and a Bad Man from Bodie, combined with the mightiest intellect on earth or in heaven. Be careful what you say or I may annihilate you.

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